

of claim 26, said hapten [having complementarity with] being to homologous said specific amino acid sequence.

49. (Amended) A method for catalyzing the cleavage or formation of a specific peptide linkage or an ester bond within a specific amino acid sequence of a molecule which comprises contacting said molecule with an effective amount of a catalytic antibody elicited with a hapten of claim 33, said hapten [having complementarity with] being to homologous said specific amino acid sequence.

REMARKS

This application is a rule 53(b) continuation of application Serial No. 08/333,237 filed November 2, 1994 (the "parent application"). Claims 1-25, 35, 38, 41, 44, 47 and 50-55 have been cancelled, without prejudice, and claims 26, 29-30, 32-34, 39-40, 42-43 and 48-49 have been amended. Applicants submit that the amendments are fully supported in the parent application. Thus, claims 26-34, 36-37, 40, 42-43 and 45-49 are pending and at issue.

Favorable consideration of this application, entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment, and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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